

Council

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Great Hall, The Guildhall, St Giles Street, Northampton, NN1 1DE on Thursday 3 November 2022 at 6.00 pm

Councillors are hereby summoned to attend

Agenda

1.	Apologies for Absence
2.	Declarations of Interest Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.
3.	Minutes of Council (Pages 7 - 18) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29 September 2022.
4.	Chairman's Announcements To receive communications from the Chairman of the Council.
5.	Public Participation (1) Receipt of Petitions (if any) from Local Government Electors for the District (2) Questions (if any) from the Public
6.	Opposition Priority Business Presented by Cllr Bob Purser "Local government in England has been hollowed out since 2010 - How 12 years of Conservative Government has affected West Northamptonshire Communities. The Institute for Government this year concluded that a decade of cuts to council budgets saw cuts hit deprived areas the hardest, and demand rise for services that

	<p>are more difficult to access.</p> <p>Visibly this has meant fewer Libraries, dirtier streets, more potholes, bigger class sizes and fewer accessible bus routes. Below the surface it has meant greater inequality, lower life expectancy, more children in poverty, higher rents, more crime and now larger mortgages</p> <p>This is the impact of cuts across the board - health, policing, fire, education, housing and local government. West Northamptonshire must not face any more”</p>
7.	Cabinet Reports and Record of Decisions Taken by the Cabinet (Pages 19 - 80)
Items of Business	
8.	Youth Justice Plan (Pages 81 - 142)
9.	Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Board (Pages 143 - 172)
10.	Northamptonshire Children's Trust: Annual Review (Pages 173 - 204)
11.	Boundary Review: Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission (Pages 205 - 300)
12.	Updates to the Constitution (Pages 301 - 306)
13.	Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Pages 307 - 312)
14.	Budgets for Building Adaptations for Office Optimisation (Pages 313 - 322)
15.	<p>Motions</p> <p><u>Motion 1</u></p> <p>– Proposer: Cllr Rosie Humphreys Seconder: Cllr Jonathan Harris</p> <p>“Low tax zones to drive economic growth, foster business agglomeration and unlock development were announced in the mini-budget on 23rd September by the then Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng. Since then most of the proposals contained in the mini-budget have been paused, cancelled or reversed with Jeremy Hunt now replacing Kwasi Kwarteng as Chancellor. Investment Zones remain as one of the Government’s key tools to accelerate growth and deliver housing.</p>

Council notes that an expression of interest in becoming an Investment Zone was submitted by this Council. The government envisages that Investment Zones will be one or more specific sites within an eligible local authority where a variety of tax, regulatory innovations and flexibilities, and planning simplifications will apply within those site's boundaries.

Conservation groups and planning experts have raised serious concerns about these proposals. Zones could be designated in the most environmentally protected areas of the UK, with no mention of the environmental constraints on building in protected habitats under the habitat regulations. These regulations provide protections for some of the most vulnerable habitats and wildlife across England.

While the Council notes that for Investment Zones "the planning system will not stand in the way of investment and growth" it has also to be mindful of its Sustainability Strategy and Net Zero Pledges as well as the natural and cultural assets it is custodian of. In West Northants these include buildings and areas of national importance, sensitive landscape, heritage and biodiversity.

Council therefore resolves:

- 1) To ensure that wherever possible any site/sites in West Northants which are designated Investment Zones (should the Expression of Interest be successful) are only developed if the Council is confident that the liberalised planning laws which will apply to these Zones do not conflict with its commitments to Net Zero, its Sustainability Strategy and its "clean and green" corporate objectives.
- 2) To ensure that wherever possible all housing and commercial growth in such zones accords with the draft Full Plan and so is plan-led and appropriate."

Motion 2

Proposer: Cllr Emma Roberts

Seconder: Cllr Rufia Ashraf

"The Police have declared nationally that there is an epidemic of Violence against Women and Girls, with 5 women killed in this country every fortnight. November 25th is both the International White Ribbon Day and the date of the Northampton Reclaim the Night event organised by the Northamptonshire Rape Crisis Centre. White Ribbon Day is when men are asked to demonstrate they will call out violence perpetrated by men against women and demonstrate they are allies of women by wearing a white ribbon. Reclaim the Night is an event by women, for women and their allies, to demonstrate that we want our streets to be safe for women and girls. WNC is committed to both and will demonstrate our support by providing information about both on our website and in our comms."

Motion 3

Proposer: Cllr Koulla Jolley

Seconder: Cllr Jamal Alwahabi

"One of the impediments to increasing the type, range and reach of youth work in West Northants is the lack of buildings that can be used for youth work and the lack of trained youth workers.

The Council therefore recommends that Cabinet commits to identifying buildings in

	<p>the localities that can be used for youth work.</p> <p>The Council further asks Cabinet to commit to working with the youth providers, the colleges and Northampton University to develop youth work training from level 3 to level 5.”</p>
16.	<p>Urgent Business (previously agreed with the Chairman)</p> <p>The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.</p>
17.	<p>Exclusion of Press and Public</p> <p>Should Members decide not to make a decision in public, they are recommended to resolve as follows:</p> <p>“That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph(s) XXXXX would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”</p>

Catherine Whitehead
Proper Officer
26 October 2022

Council Members:

Councillor Andre Gonzalez De Savage
(Chairman)

Councillor Ann Addison
Councillor Rufia Ashraf
Councillor Azizur Rahman
Councillor Fiona Baker
Councillor Harry Barrett
Councillor Sally Beardsworth
Councillor Lizzy Bowen
Councillor Adam Brown
Councillor Muna Cali
Councillor Pinder Chauhan
Councillor Imran Ahmed Chowdhury BEM
Councillor Stephen Clarke

Councillor Jamal Alwahabi
Councillor Anthony S. Bagot-Webb
Councillor Dermot Bambridge
Councillor William Barter
Councillor Phil Bignell
Councillor Rebecca Breese
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Councillor Bob Purser
Councillor Emma Roberts
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Councillor Danielle Stone
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Councillor Ken Pritchard
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Councillor Cathrine Russell
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Information about this Agenda

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